

Surah 105 Surah Feel

THE ELEPHANT

THE LINK AND SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

Punishment for the *Kuffaar* in the *Aakhirah* were outlined in the previous Surahs. Surah Feel proceeds to warn people about the worldly consequences of *kufr*. Allaah depicts the destruction of people who, because of their intoxication with the material profits of this world, attempted to destroy the centre of *Imaan* and *Towheed*, viz. the Kabah. The only method of securing salvation in both the worlds is to inculcate the attributes described in Surah Asr.

سُورَةُ الْفِيلِ مَكِّيَّةٌ وَهِيَ خَمْسُ آيَاتٍ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful.

أَلَمْ تَرَ كَيْفَ فَعَلَ رَبُّكَ بِأَصْحَابِ الْفِيلِ ۝

1. (Abrahaa the governor of Yemen built a temple to which he wanted the Arabs to pay homage. When they ignored his temple because they refused to abandon the Kabah in Makkah, Abrahaa marched with an army of elephants to destroy the Kabah. However, when they reached the Kabah, many flights of little birds approached them, each bird carrying three little pebbles, one pebble in its beak and one in each claw. As the birds flew over Abrahaa's army, they dropped their pebbles which went straight through anything they struck and settled deep in the ground, thereby destroying Abrahaa's army. It is in reference to this incident that Allaah says,) **Have you not seen how your Rabb dealt with the people of the elephants?** (This event took place a few days before the birth of Rasulullaah ﷺ in Makkah.)

أَلَمْ يَجْعَلْ كَيْدَهُمْ فِي تَضْلِيلٍ ۝

2. Did He not lay their plans to waste...

وَأَرْسَلَ عَلَيْهِمْ طَيْرًا أَبَابِيلَ ۝

3. ...and send (unleashed) against them flights of birds...

تَرْمِيهِمْ بِحِجَارَةٍ مِّن سِجِّيلٍ ۝

4. ...who pelted them with clay pebbles...

فَجَعَلَهُمْ كَعَصْفٍ مَّأْكُولٍ ۝

5. ...making them look (destroyed) like eaten fodder? (devoured chaff)